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FIELD ORDERS, 2D ARMY CORPS.

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Field Orders
No. 1.

II Army Corps, France,
June 5, 1918.

Map: 1:250,000 France.

1. Such parts of the 35th, 77th, 4th and 28th Divisions now under command of their respective divisional commanders will move by marching and rail as follows:

2. (a) *35th Division:*

From present stations by marching to the Zone of Neufchatel, in time to commence entraining at Neufchatel, Critot, Buchy and Morgny on the evening of June 5th.

(b) 1. *77th Division* (less Headquarters 154th Brigade, 307th and 308th Infantry) from present stations by marching to the Zone of Gourney—Gizors at which points it will be entrained.

Time of departure: Immediately upon re-equipment, which will commence at once. The 77th Division will maintain liaison with the 154th Brigade during the march of that brigade to Gourney—Gizors from its present stations.

2. *The 154th Brigade* (less the 306th Machine-gun battalion) will proceed by marching from its present stations to the Zone of Gourney—Gizors at which points it will be entrained.

(c) *4th and 28th Divisions:*

From present stations by marching to Aumale from whence they will be ordered to entrain, either in the Zone of Neufchatel or Gourney—Gizors.

Time of departure: Immediately upon re-equipment, which will be commenced at once.

3. (a) Ultimate destinations for all divisions will be communicated after entraining.

(b) British cadres will not be transported with American Divisions.

(c) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and necessary orders issued later from these Headquarters.

(d) No restrictions as to roads available unless notified by British Authorities.

(e) Daily reports by wire will be made direct to operations section, II Corps Headquarters as follows:

1. Progress of march before entraining.
2. Arrival at entraining points.
3. Departure from entraining points.
4. Progress thereafter.

By command of General Pershing:

GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Chief of Staff.

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4th Division

28th Division

35th " "

77th " "

154th Inf. Brigade

G. H. Q., B. E. F.

C. of S. II Corps

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Field Orders
No. 2.

II Army Corps, France,
June 5, 1918. 11:30 p. m.

Map: 1 : 250,000 France.

1. So much of Par. 2, Field Orders No. 1, II Army Corps as relates to the 77th Division is revoked.

2. (a) *The 77th Division* (less Headquarters 154th Brigade, 307th Infantry and 308th Infantry) will move by marching from present stations to neighborhood of HESDIN where it will entrain on June 9th.

Date of Departure: June 6th.

(b) *154th Brigade* (less 306th Machine-gun battalion) will proceed by marching from its present stations to the neighborhood of LONG PRÉ where it will entrain on June 9th.

Date of Departure: June 6th.

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77th Division

154th Brigade

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FIELD ORDERS
No. 3.

II Army Corps, France,
June 8, 1918. 9:00 A. M.

Map 1 : 250,000 France.

1. So much of paragraph 2, Field Orders No. 1, II Army Corps as relates to the 4th and 28th Divisions is revoked.

2. The 4th Division will move by marching as follows:

(a) From present stations to Southern portion of its own area and the LONGVILLERS Area on June 9th. To BEAURAINVILLE, MARESQUEL and HESDIN Area on June 10th.

(b) This division will entrain at BEAURAINVILLE, MARESQUEL and HESDIN on the 11th instant.

The 28th Division will move by marching as follows:

(a) From present stations to THIEMBRONNE and VERCHOCQ Areas on June 10th.

(b) To BOMY—CREQUY Areas on June 11th.

(c) To HESDIN—ANVIN and WAVRONS on June 12th where it will commence entraining that afternoon.

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28th Division

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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS,

No. 4.

June 12, 1918.

Map: 1 : 250,000 France and

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1. The 82nd Division will leave the II Corps Area.

2. Organizations will be marched to entraining points at EU, WOINCOURT and FEUQUERES—FRESENVILLE where entrainment will commence after midday on June 15th.

3. (a) Ultimate destination of the Division will be communicated after entraining.

(b) British cadres will not be transported with American Divisions.

(c) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and necessary orders issued later from these headquarters.

(d) No restrictions as to roads available.

(e) A report by wire will be made direct to Operations Section, General Staff, II Corps Headquarters, upon the departure of the last element of the Division from this area.

By command of General Pershing:

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82nd Division

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Adjutant II Corps

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FIELD ORDERS HEADQUARTERS II ARMY CORPS,
NO. 5. FRANCE. June 18, 1918.

Map: 1 : 250,000 France
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(Abbeville & Lens Sheet).

1. The 27th Division will march from its present stations to an area in the vicinity of DOULLENS for training.

2. This move will take effect June 21, 1918.

3. (a) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and the necessary orders will be issued later from these Headquarters.

(b) No restrictions as to roads available unless notified otherwise by British Authorities.

(c) Staging Area will be given by the proper British Authorities.

(d) Report by wire will be made direct to Operations Section, General Staff, II Corps Headquarters, on departure of the last elements from the area now occupied by them.

By command Major General Read:

GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Chief of Staff.

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27th Division

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FIELD ORDERS HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
NO. 6. June 18, 1918.

Map: 1 : 250,000 FRANCE
1 : 100,000 DIEPPE, ABBEVILLE, LENS, AMIENS Sheets.

1. The 33rd Division will move by marching from its present stations to area northwest of AMIENS for training.

2. This move will commence at the earliest practicable time.

3. (a) The 65th Infantry Brigade will be billeted in LONG and vicinity.

(b) The 66th Infantry Brigade will be billeted in VILLERS BOCAGE and vicinity.

(c) Further orders as to the location of Division Headquarters and other units of this Division will be announced upon the receipt of the necessary information from British authorities.

(d) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and the necessary orders issued later from these Headquarters.

(e) No restrictions as to roads available unless otherwise notified by British authorities.

(f) Staging areas for the various units will be furnished by the British.

(g) Necessary liaison will be maintained between Division Headquarters and the brigades during the march.

(h) A report by wire will be made direct to Operations Section, II Corps Headquarters, upon the departure of the 65th and 66th Infantry Brigades and the last element of the Division from its present area.

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FIELD ORDERS

No. 7.

SECOND ARMY CORPS

France, 18 August, '18. 5.00 P. M.

Map: 1: 250,000 FRANCE

1: 100,000 LENS

1. The 78th Division will leave the II Corps Area.

2. The Division will march to entraining points at PETIT HOUVLIN, LIGNY, ST. FLOCHEL, TINQUES, and SAVY. Entrainment will commence at 4.00 P. M., on 19th August, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

3. (a) Ultimate destination of the Division will be communicated after entraining.

(b) British Cadres will not accompany the Division.

(c) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and necessary orders will be issued later.

(d) All roads are available unless otherwise notified by British Authorities.

(e) Report will be made by wire direct to Operations Section (G-3) General Staff, II Corps Headquarters upon the departure of the last element of the Division from its present area.

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FIELD ORDERS

Headquarters II Army Corps

NO. 8.

France, 19 August, 1918.

MAP: 1 : 100,000 LENS.

10:00 A. M.

1. The 80th Division will be transferred from the II Corps Area.
 2. Entrainment will take place on 21st August, 1918 at such points as may be designated by the British.

3. (a) Ultimate destination of the Division will be communicated after entraining.

(b) British Cadres will not accompany the Division.

(c) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and necessary orders will be issued later.

(d) Roads available for movement of troops to entraining stations as notified by the British.

(e) Report will be made by wire direct to Operations Section (G-3) General Staff, II Corps upon the departure of the last element of the Division from its present Area.

By command of Major General Read:

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HEADQUARTERS II ARMY CORPS

NO. 9.

France, 20th August, 1918.

MAPS: 1 : 100,000, LENS

11:00 A. M.

1 : 100,000 AMIENS

1. The 33rd Division will be transferred from the II Corps Area.
 2. Entrainment will take place on 23rd August, 1918 at such points as may be designated by the British.

3. (a) Ultimate destination of the Division will be communicated after entraining.

(b) British Cadres will not accompany the Division.

(c) Detailed administrative arrangements will be made with the British and necessary orders will be issued later.

(d) Roads available for movement of troops to entraining stations—as notified by the British.

(e) Report will be made by wire direct to Operations Section (G-3) General Staff, II Corps upon the departure of the last element of the Division from its present Area.

By command of Major General Read:

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FIELD ORDER)	SECOND ARMY CORPS
NO: 10)	AMERICAN E. F.,
	France, 28th August 1918, 5:30 p. m.

Maps: 1 : 100,000 Hazebrouck

1 : 40,000, pages 27 and 28

1. This Corps will take over command of the Canal and Dickebusch Sectors in the Second British Army Area from the II and XIX British Corps respectively at 6:00 p. m. August 30, 1918.

2. Under Army Order No. 34, Headquarters II Second British Army, 27th August, 1918, the following organizations will be transferred to this Corps at the time of taking command indicated in paragraph 1.

(a) *From II British Corps:*

30th American Division

No. 17 Balloon Coy, R. A. F.

66th Divisional Artillery

43rd (9.2" how.) Brigade, R. G. A.

72nd Army Brigade, R. G. A.

198th Siege Battery

$\frac{1}{2}$ 45th Siege Battery

381st Siege Battery

2 fixed pigeon lofts, ESQUELBECQ

No. 26 Area Signal Detachment

(b) *From XIX British Corps.*

27th American Division

6th Divisional Artillery, H. Q.

169th Army Brigade, R. F. A.

175th Army Brigade, R. F. A.

99th (8" how.) Brigade, R. G. A.

25th Army Brigade, R. G. A.

528th Siege Battery

4th R. M. A., Battery

11th R. M. A., Battery

12th R. M. A., Battery

4 Fixed pigeon lofts, WATOU

No. 27 Area Signal Detachment

(c) *From VII British Corps.*

VII Corps Artillery H. Q. and

Corps Heavy Artillery H. Q.

39th Divisional Signal Coy

(d) *From Second Army Wing, R. A. F.*

82nd Squadron, R. A. F.—DROGLANDT Aerodrome

(e) Transfers of administrative units will be indicated separately.

3. In addition to the above, the following artillery will be tactically attached to II American Corps:—

(a) *From II British Corps.*

One 60-pdr. Battery and one 6" how. battery of 3rd (mixed) Brigade, R. G. A.

(b) *From XIX British Corps.*

Two 18-pdr. batteries, 11th Army Brigade, R. F. A.

131st Heavy Battery

301st Siege Battery

261st Siege Battery

} 4th (Mixed) Brigade, R. G. A.

4. II Corps and XIX British Corps will transfer to II American Corps on the 30th August the Divisional Areas occupied by troops holding the CANAL and DICKEBUSCH Sectors respectively.

Lists of reservations of accommodation in these areas for specified British units will be sent separately by II and XIX British Corps.

5. The Headquarters of this Corps will be established on August 30th at Houtkerque, which will be vacated by the II British Corps on that date.

6. Artillery Boundaries east of the front line, for counter battery and bombardment work, between II British Corps, II American Corps and XIX British Corps will be notified separately.

7. Engineer work, including provision of engineer material, in back area of II American Corps, will remain under II and XIX British Corps as at present.

8. Details of move of Corps Headquarters, Corps Troops, and billeting arrangements at Houtkerque will be given in Administrative Orders.

9. Corps Headquarters will close at Fruges at 6:00 p. m. August 30, 1918 and open at Houtkerque at same date and hour.

G. W. READ,
Major General,
Commanding.

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5-6	27th American Division	21	Chief Ordnance Officer
		22	Chief Surgeon
7-8	30th American Division	23	Provost Marshal
		24	G-1.
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	82nd Sqdrn R. A. F.	29	Commanding General
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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, Aug. 29, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

Reference Field Order No. 10, these Headquarters, dated August 28, 1918.—

Cancel "2 Fixed Pigeon Lofts, ESQUELBEQ"
and substitute "Nos. 134 and 135 Mobile Pigeon Lofts at
HERZEELE."

G. W. READ,
Major General,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS II CORPS.
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

31st August, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

1. Confirming telephone message to those immediately concerned, Field Order No. 10, C. S., these headquarters is cancelled.

By command of Major-General Read.

GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Chief of Staff.

Copies to:	I. G.
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Second British Army	C. Q. M.
II British Corps	Chief Ord. Officer
XIX British Corps	Chief Surgeon
27th. Amer. Div.	Provost Marshal
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FIELD ORDER)
NO 11.)

II CORPS, AMERICAN E. F.
FRANCE. 2 Sept., 1918.

Maps: 1: 100,000 HAZEBROUCK (5A) and LENS
1: 40,000 SHEETS 27, 28, 57D and 57E.

1. The Headquarters of this Corps and "D" Company, 412th Telegraphic Battalion will be transferred from the Second British Army to the Third British Army.

2. II. Q. Corps Artillery and II. Q. Corps Heavy Artillery of the VII British Corps will not accompany this Corps and will rejoin the VII British Corps under arrangements to be made by them.

3. Instructions will be issued later regarding details of the move.

4. Corps Headquarters will close at HOUTKERQUE at 6:00 p. m. 3rd September, 1918 and open at BEAUVAL at the same hour and date.

READ,
Major General
Commanding

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FIELD ORDERS

NO. 12.

2nd Corps,
FRANCE, 15 Sept., 1918, 10:00 p. m.

MAPS: 1: 100,000 LENS.

1. The 30th American Division will be transferred from the First Army to the Third Army to rejoin the Second American Corps.

2. The move will be by rail and road as follows:

(a) Tactical trains (personnel only) on 17th and 18th September. Entrainment at WAVRANÉ, PETIT HOUVIN and BRYAS under First Army Orders. Detrainment at BELLE EGLISE and ROSEL under Third Army Orders.

(b) Transport by road under Third Army Orders. Move to be complete by Afternoon 18th September.

3. On completion of the move the 30th American Division will be held in G. H. Q. Reserve in the PUCHEVILLERS—TOUTEN-COURT Area.

4. Detailed instructions relative to supply, change of railhead, evacuation etc., will be issued later.

5. Division headquarters will be at PUCHEVILLERS.

6. Acknowledge.

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FIELD ORDERS
NO. 13.2nd Corps,
FRANCE, 16 Sept., 1918, 11:00 a. m.

MAP: 1:100,000 LENS.

THE FOLLOWING IS SUBSTITUTED FOR FIELD ORDER
NO. 12.

1. 30th American Division (less Artillery) will be transferred from First Army Area to Third Army Area by tactical trains (personnel only) and will come under the orders of the II American Corps.

2. The move will be carried out as follows:

(a) *Entrainment* at WAVRANS, PETIT HOUVIN and BRYAS on September 17th and 18th, under orders of the First Army.

Detrainment will be carried out at ROSEL and BELLE ÉGLISE, under orders of the II American Corps.

(b) Transport will move by road staging if necessary in HAUTE VISEE. The move to be completed by afternoon of 18th September.

3. On arrival, 30th American Division will be accommodated under orders of II American Corps as follows:—

Division Headquarters	PUCHEVILLERS.
'A' Brigade Hqrs.	LOUVENCOURT.
'B' Brigade Hqrs.	TOUTENCOURT.
'A' Regt. Hqrs.	LOUVENCOURT.
'E' Regt. Hqrs.	ARQUEVES.
'C' Regt. Hqrs.	LEALVILLERS.
'D' Regt. Hqrs.	ACHEUX.

4. 30th American Division will be in G. H. Q. Reserve, administered by the II American Corps.

5. Detailed instructions relative to supply, change of railhead, evacuation, etc., will be issued later.

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Field Orders
No. 13.

Amendment Number 1.

2nd Corps,
France, 17 Sept., 1918.

1. Paragraph 3, Field Orders No. 13, is amended as follows:—

Headquarters 30th American Division will be at HERISSART, and not as therein stated.

By command of Major General Read:

GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Col., G. S., C. of S.

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Field Orders
No. 14.

2nd American Corps.
FRANCE, 21 Sept., 18.

Maps: 1:100,000 (AMIENS & ST. QUENTIN)
1:40,000 62 C

1. The Second American Corps is released from G. H. Q. Reserve and will be transferred to the Fourth Army.

2. The 27th American Division will move by tactical train (personnel only), on the 23rd and 24th September, one Brigade each day, entraining in the vicinity of DOULLENS under Third Army orders, and detraining in the neighborhood of TINCOURT under arrangements with the Fourth Army.

All horse transport will assemble at ACHEUX on the 22nd September and will move by road leaving ACHEUX in rear of bus column, 30th Division, on evening of September 22nd 23rd. Route—ACHEUX—ALBERT—MEAULTE—BRAY SUR SOMME, staging there. Transport will leave BRAY at 7:00 P. M. 23rd September. Route—CAPPY—HERBECOURT—crossroads 500 yards east of HEM—southern outskirts of CLERY—FEUILLACOURT MT. ST. QUENTIN—ST. DENIS—BUSSU—TINCOURT.

3. The 30th American Division will move by bus on the nights of 22nd-23rd and 23rd/24th September, under arrangements to be made by Fourth Army in consultation with the Third Army and the Bus Park.

All horse transport of this division will assemble at TOUTENCOURT on September 21st and will leave there not earlier than 6:00 P. M. on that date. Route—TOUTENCOURT—CONTAY—FRANVILLERS—HEILLY—MERICOURT L'ABBE—crossroads 1 km. north of SAILLY LE SEC—BRAY SUR SOMME, staging there. Transport will leave BRAY at 7:00 P. M. September 22nd. Route—CAPPY—HERBECOURT—cross roads 500 yards east of HEM—southern outskirts of CLERY—FEUILLACOURT—MT. ST. QUENTIN—ST. DENIS—AIZECOURT.

4. Four Officers and 196 other ranks, 105th Engineers, will assemble at TALMAS, leaving there at 11:00 A. M., September 21st, by bus. They will proceed to Headquarters, Australian Corps (N 16 c central).

5. Detailed instructions relative to administrative arrangements will be issued later.

6. Headquarters 2nd American Corps will move to MERICOURT-SUR-SOMME September 22nd.

7. Acknowledge.

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*SECRET*Field Orders
No. 15.2nd American Corps.
FRANCE, 23 Sept., 18.

Maps: 1:40,000 62 B and 62 C.

MAP showing boundaries enclosed.¹

1. The 2nd American Corps, (Corps Headquarters and 27th and 30th Divisions, less Artillery) will be employed in conjunction with the Australian Corps for the next series of operations.

2. (a) (1) The 27th American Division (less Artillery) on arrival in the Australian Corps area by train on nights of 23/24th and 24/25th instant, passes temporarily to command of III Corps.

(2) The 27th American Division will relieve the 74th and 18th Divisions (III Corps) under orders of III Corps. The 27th American Division will take over the front of the 74th and 18th divisions, with 1 Regiment in line and 1 in support. One Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.

(3) 74th and 18th Machine Gun Battalions are remaining in line in III Corps Sector and will be relieved on the night 25/26th September under orders issued by III Corps.

(4) Representatives of all units in line of 74th and 18th Divisions are remaining in line until the morning of 26th September.

(5) Advanced Headquarters of 27th American Division will be established at J.11.c.4.9. Rear Headquarters are being allotted by III Corps.

(6) Subject to the above, details of relief will be arranged between G. O. C., III Corps and G. O. C., 27th American Division and upon completion of the relief Command of the Sector will pass to G. O. C., 27th American Division.

(b) (1) The 30th American Division (less Artillery) on arrival in Australian Corps Area by bus nights of 22nd/23rd and 23/24th September will relieve the 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) on the 23rd and night 23rd/24th instant.

(2) The relief will be effected under orders of G. O. C., 1st Australian Division.

(3) The 30th American Division will take over the 1st Australian Divisional front with one Brigade. One Regiment will be in line and one Regiment in Support. One Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.

(4) Representatives of all units of 1st Australian Division in the line will remain with corresponding Units of 30th American Division until the morning of the 25th September.

(5) The relief of the 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion will be carried out on the night 24/25th instant.

(6) The relief will be complete by 10:00 A. M. on 24th September. Command of the sector will pass to G. O. C., 30th American Division at the hour.

(7) Brigade Groups of 1st Australian Division will stage thru the TINCOURT Area on relief prior to moving to the YZEUX Area.

¹ EDITOR'S NOTE.—As these boundaries are shown on the map attached to the amendment of Sept. 25, 1918, to F. O. No. 16, the map referred to is omitted in this publication.

(8) The 30th American Division rear Headquarters will be established at HALLE. 30th American Division advanced Headquarters will be established with the 1st Australian Divisional Headquarters at J.16.a.8.2.

(9) Subject to the above, details of relief will be arranged between G. O. C., 1st Australian Division and G. O. C., 30th American Division.

3. Corps and Divisional boundaries are shown on map enclosed.

4. Administrative instructions will be issued later.

5. The 2nd American Corps Headquarters is at MERICOURT SUR SOMME. An advanced Headquarters will be established at N.15.d. central (near Australian Corps Headquarters) on a date to be notified later.

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x One map attached to one copy only for each Division.

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Field Orders,
No. 16.

2nd Corps,
FRANCE, 24 Sept. 18.

MAPS: 1:20,000 62 C N. E., 62B N. W., 57C S. E., 57B S. W., DIA-
GRAMMATICAL SKETCH.

1. SITUATION.

The enemy opposite the front to be occupied by the 2nd American Corps September 24th and 25th holds the HINDENBURG LINE in force. The salient feature of this line is the CAMBRAI—ST. QUENTIN Canal which runs thru a tunnel from a point 1500 yds. S. E. of VENDHUILE to a point 1000 yds. South of BELLICOURT.

The Fourth Army will attack the HINDENBURG DEFENCES between VENDHUILE and ST. QUENTIN at an hour and on a date to be notified later:

The IX Corps will attack on the right and simultaneously with the 2nd American Corps.

The III Corps will be on our left and will not attack but will hold a defensive front between the 2nd American Corps and the V Corps until the 2nd American Corps has reached the green line. When the troops of the II American Corps commence their exploitation towards the dotted Green Line, the III Corps will mop up the ground West of the canal.

2. GENERAL PLAN.

The 2nd American Corps affiliated with the Australian Corps will attack the enemy's positions in the HINDENBURG line in the sector NAUROY—GOUY (both inclusive) on a date and hour to be notified later. There will be a preliminary bombardment by all available artillery lasting for a considerable period. The object of this preliminary bombardment will be—

(a) To complete the demoralization of the enemy;

(b) The destruction of the enemy's defences, including wire, dugouts, etc.

The attack will be carried out on a frontage of two (2) divisions. The boundaries and objectives of divisions are shown on the attached map.

3. (a) PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS.

The present situation on the battle front is as follows:

The front line is in the advanced HINDENBURG Line as far north as the Inter-Divisional boundary for the operation. North of this the front line is now along the old BRITISH OUTPOST Line. The III Corps has undertaken to make every endeavour to seize the front line of the HINDENBURG system before its relief by the 27th American Division. If it succeeds in doing this the forming up line as shown in dotted BROWN on the attached map will be available. If the III Corps does not succeed in doing this it will be necessary for the 27th American Division to undertake a definite operation in order to seize the advanced line of the HINDENBURG system.

During the period that this operation takes place the 30th American Division will advance posts to such a position as will enable it to ensure that the forming up line on its sector will be sufficiently protected.

(b) MAIN OPERATION.

The main operation will be divided into two phases as follows:

(1) *First Phase.* The 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left will form up on a taped line prior to the given zero hour and will attack with Tanks under a creeping artillery barrage. This barrage will include a considerable proportion of smoke shell.

The start line is shown in BROWN on the attached map and the objectives are shown in a continuous GREEN line.

The flanks of the attack will be protected by a smoke screen which will be provided by one Field Artillery Brigade on each flank. As soon as the artillery barrage programme is completed and the infantry have seized the objective, the green line, the smoke barrage on the flanks will lift outwards in order to enable the infantry to exploit their success toward the flanks under the concealment of the flanking smoke barrages: to the North with a view to assisting the

advance of the V Corps over the canal, and to protecting the Australian Corps left in their advance to the Red Line; to the South with a view to assisting the IX Corps in their advance across the canal, and to protecting the Australian Corps right in their advance to the Red Line.

(2) *Second Phase.* The 5th Australian Division on the right and the 3rd Australian Division on the left, each with its own Divisional Artillery and a proportion of Tanks, and organized in Brigade Groups, will pass through the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively in open warfare formations at a time to be decided later. Their objective is shown in RED on the attached map.

In order to secure the flanks of this operation and to extend the base of the salient created by the advance, the reserve troops of the 30th and 27th American Divisions will extend their operations to the south and north respectively with the object of seizing the objectives shown in RED on the attached Map.

A proportion of artillery which will be allotted from the barrage guns and will be withdrawn as soon as the barrage programme is completed, will be placed at the disposal of each Divisional Commander for this.

A proportion of Tanks will be similarly allotted.

A detailed programme and Time Table will be issued.

The troops which captured the first objectives will be reassembled after the whole of the brigades detailed to the second objective have passed through them. The time for this re-assembly will be notified. They will be prepared to advance Eastwards on a one-Division front, in touch with the Australian Corps on their right and with the V Corps of the Third Army on their left.

(c) *ASSEMBLY.*

The line will be held prior to the operation by the 30th and 27th American Divisions, each with one regiment in the line supported by one regiment and each with one brigade in reserve.

The capture of the first objective will be carried out by the reserve brigade in each case.

The capture of the second objective allotted to the American Divisions will be carried out by the supporting regiment of the line brigade, the line regiment of the line brigade passing into reserve at a stage which is indicated later.

The programme will be so arranged that the two attacking Brigade Groups of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions respectively will pass through the American troops as soon as possible after the latter have attained the first objective. These two brigades will follow the regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively allotted to the capture of the RED line. The reserve brigades of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions will then be passed through the gap. The last infantry to pass through the gap from the west to the east side of the canal will be the regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions who were originally holding the line and now pass into reserve.

The order of movement across the tunnel will be therefore:—

“A” and “B” Regiments of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (that is the attacking brigade in each case.)

“C” Regiment of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (that is the supporting regiment of the brigade originally in the line).

"A" and "B" Brigades of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions.

"C" Brigade of the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions moving in Divisional Reserve.

"D" Regiment of the 30th and 27th American Divisions (that is the regiment which was holding the line when the attack began). This regiment will be concentrated immediately the last Australian brigade has passed through and will then move according to the orders of the respective Divisional Commanders.

(See diagramatic sketch enclosed.)

Assembly areas will be selected and allotted for each American Regiment and each Australian Brigade in such positions as will best permit of this order of movement being carried out.

(d) *ROAD MOVEMENT.*

The country over which the attack will pass in its early stages is very much shell-pitted and all roads have been very badly damaged.

To enable guns and ammunition wagons and the Armoured Cars to pass across this area the Chief Engineer of the Corps has arranged to develop four roads as rapidly as possible.

The Chief Engineer of the Australian Corps will have at his disposal the five Australian Pioneer Battalions plus such proportion of the American Engineering personnel as may be necessary.

Every body of troops will be allotted its own definite road and will on no account use any other. Maps will be issued later showing the roads allotted in each case.

Careful traffic control will be organized and all ranks must be warned beforehand and must be prepared to adhere to the traffic rules strictly.

The bivouac areas will be selected in positions which will be convenient to the roads to which each body of troops is allotted.

(e) *TROOPS AVAILABLE.*

Divisions.

- 3rd Australian Division,
- 5th Australian Division
- 27th American Division,
- 30th American Division.

Artillery.

- (i) Field Artillery—23 Field Artillery Brigades.
- (ii) Heavy Artillery—10 Heavy Artillery Brigades.

Tanks.

- 4th Tank Brigade consisting of 84 Tanks a proportion of which are Mark V and a proportion Mark V (Star)

Tanks.

- 5th Tank Brigade between 70 and 80 Tanks, portion of which are Mark V and portion of which are Mark V (Star) Tanks.

A portion of 3rd Tank Brigade giving a total of 25 Whippet Tanks and 1 Armoured Car Battalion.

Mounted Troops.—13th Australian Light Horse Regiment.

Cavalry. 5th Cavalry Brigade.

Special Companies, R. E. Several will be available for smoke-screening work.

Air Forces.—3rd Squadron, A. F. C., and Auxiliary assistance from 5th Brigade, R. A. F.

4. *PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS, LIAISON, ETC.*

(a) *Light Signals.* The only Light Signals to be employed will be—

- (i) The S. O. S. Signal which will be a No. 32 Rifle grenade bursting into three RED lights.
- (ii) Success Signal which will be a No. 32 Rifle grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
- (iii) Message Carrying Rockets will be made available and will be issued early.

(b) All ranks will be provided with a metal disc sown on to the reverse side of the Box Respirator, which will be used for signalling to our aeroplanes when they sound the Klaxon horn, to indicate the position of the troops.

Red flares will be issued and will be lit for the same purpose when the aeroplane calls.

All ranks must be made to understand that when the aeroplane calls the flares must be lit and the discs shown.

(c) The organization of the troops for the first phase of the operation will ensure that definite bodies are allotted for duty at each entrance to the tunnel with the object of dealing with any of the enemy who may have taken refuge in the tunnel during the bombardment and barrage. These troops must on no account be withdrawn from their tasks until the tunnel is completely clear of the enemy.

(d) All troops must be warned of the absolute necessity of keeping as close up to the barrage as safety permits in order to deal with the enemy before he can recover after the barrage has passed.

(e) A very liberal supply of—

- (i) Operation map;
- (ii) Message Maps;
- (iii) Oblique and trench photos.

will be issued. All Commanders must ensure that these are distributed right down to Non-Commissioned Officers in order that the achievement of their tasks may be facilitated for all ranks.

Special instructions as to Intelligence functions dealing with prisoners of war, &c. will be issued.

(f) A complete system of liaison between flanks and from front to rear between Companies, Battalions, Regiments and Brigades, and Divisions will be worked out. The responsibility for liaison and for communications will be from right to left.

(g) A series of Code Calls for employment between infantry using the Popham Panel and Contact Aeroplanes will be made and issued by Australian Corps. Those now in use by the Australian Divisions will be retained, except in the case of the 1st and 4th Australian Corps.

5. *LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS AND P. C.*

- (a) Headquarters. No. change
- (b) P. C. to be notified later.

6. *ACKNOWLEDGE.*

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2nd Corps,
FRANCE, 25 Sept. '18.

Supplement to F. O. No. 16, 24 Sept. '18, par. 4 (g)

CODE CALLS—CONTACT AEROPLANES.

1. The following Brigade, Regimental, and Battalion code calls will come into operation in the Australian and II American Corps from 12 noon 26th September, for communicating between infantry and aeroplanes.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.		II. AMERICAN CORPS.	
<i>2nd Aust. Division.</i>		<i>27th American Division.</i>	
5th A. I. Bde H. Q.	D.	53rd Inf. Bde. H. Q.	A.
17th Battalion.	D. W.	105th Inf. Regt.	A. A.
18th " "	D. X.	1st Battalion.	A. T.
19th " "	D. Y.	2nd " "	A. V.
20th " "	D. Z.	3rd " "	A. W.
6th A. I. Bde H. Q.	E.	106th Inf. Regt.	A. B.
21st Battalion.	E. W.	1st Battalion.	A. X.
22nd " "	E. X.	2nd " "	A. Y.
23rd " "	E. Y.	3rd " "	A. Z.
24th " "	E. Z.	54th Inf. Bde. H. Q.	B.
7th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	F.	107th Inf. Regt.	B. R.
25th Battalion.	F. W.	1st Battalion.	B. T.
26th " "	F. X.	2nd " "	B. V.
27th " "	F. Y.	3rd " "	B. W.
28th " "	F. Z.	108th Inf. Regt.	B. C.
<i>3rd Aust. Division.</i>		1st Battalion.	B. N.
9th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	G.	2nd " "	B. Y.
33rd Battalion.	G. W.	3rd " "	B. Z.
34th " "	G. X.	<i>30th American Division.</i>	
35th " "	G. Y.	59th Inf. Bde. H. Q.	K.
10th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	H.	117th Inf. Regt.	K. A.
37th Battalion.	H. W.	1st Battalion.	K. T.
38th " "	H. X.	2nd " "	K. V.
39th " "	H. Y.	3rd " "	K. W.
40th " "	H. Z.	118th Inf. Regt.	K. D.
11th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	I.	1st Battalion.	K. X.
41st Battalion.	I. W.	2nd Battalion.	K. Y.
42nd " "	I. X.	3rd " "	K. Z.
43rd " "	I. Y.	60th Inf. Bde. H. Q.	L.
44th " "	I. Z.	119th Inf. Regt.	L. A.
<i>6th Aust. Division.</i>		1st Battalion.	L. T.
5th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	N.	2nd " "	L. V.
29th Battalion.	N. W.	3rd " "	L. W.
30th " "	N. X.	120th Inf. Regt.	L. B.
31st " "	N. Y.	1st Battalion.	L. N.
32nd " "	N. Z.	2nd " "	L. Y.
14th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	O.	3rd " "	L. Z.
53rd Battalion.	O. W.		
54th " "	O. X.		
55th " "	O. Y.		
56th " "	O. Z.		
15th A. I. Bde. H. Q.	P.		
57th Battalion.	P. W.		
58th " "	P. X.		
59th " "	P. Y.		
60th " "	P. Z.		

2. Brigade, Regimental, and Battalion Headquarters indicate their position by means of ground signal sheets laid on ground near the Headquarters concerned, whilst their identity is disclosed by the above code letters made by ground signal strips laid alongside.

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2nd American Corps,
FRANCE, 25 Sept., 1918.

AMENDMENT TO 2ND AMERICAN CORPS FIELD ORDERS NO. 16, dated 24 Sept. 18.

1. Herewith map * showing boundaries east of Red lines. The map issued with 2nd American Corps Field Order No. 16, 24th Sept. 18, will be amended accordingly.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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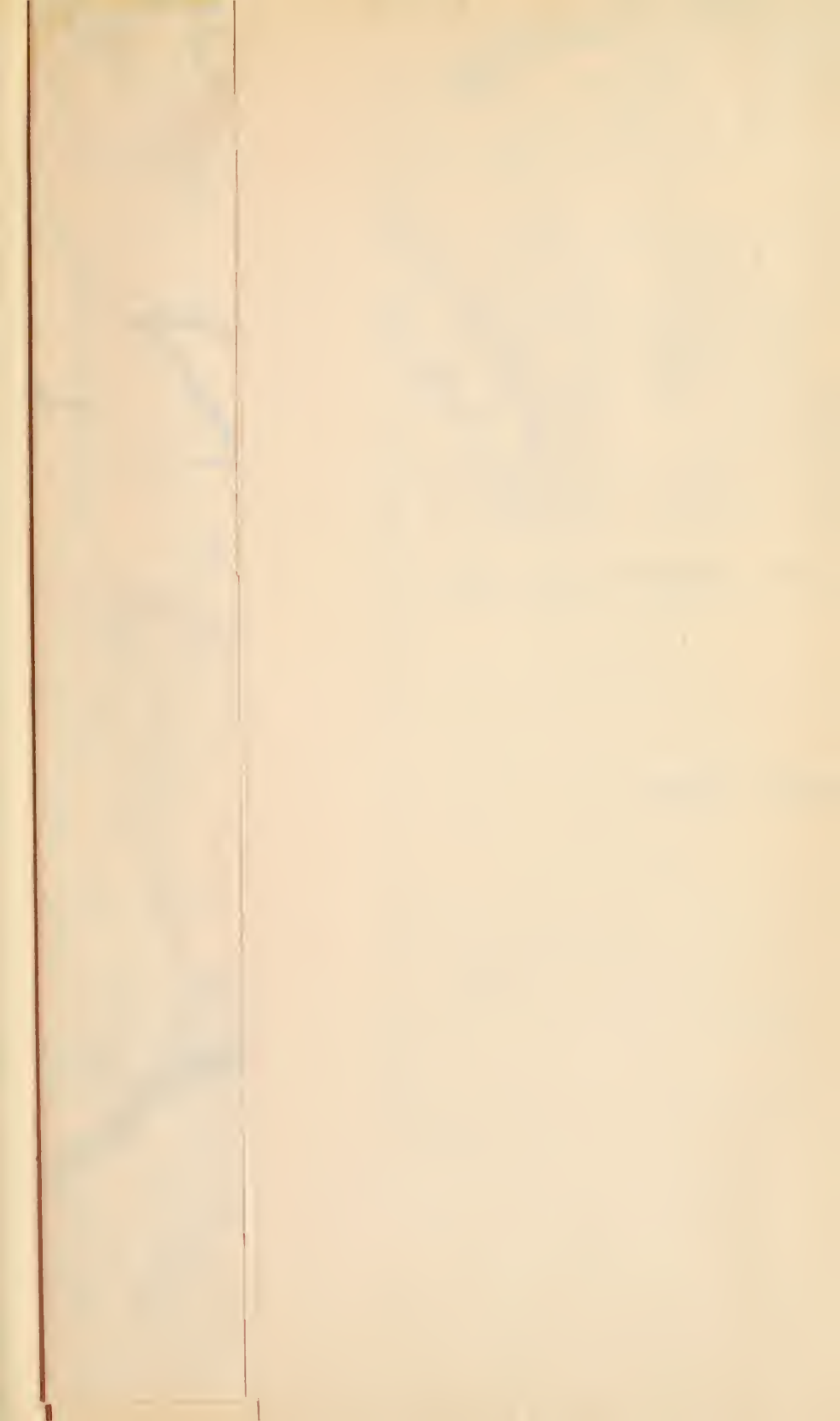


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II AMERICAN CORPS.

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Field Orders
No. 17.2nd Corps
FRANCE, 25 Sept. 18.MAPS: 1:100,000 RIQUEVAL,
or: 1:100,000 62 B. N. W. and 62 C. N. E.THIS ORDER SUPPLEMENTS F. O. NO. 16, 24 SEPT., 18,
PAR. 3(a).

1. INFORMATION.

(a) The Australian Corps is taking over portion of the III Corps front as far north as the grid line running east and west through F.5.c.0.0. at 10 a. m. on 25th September.

(b) The Corps front will be held by the 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left.

2. THE GENERAL PLAN

(a) *Missions of Units.*

(1) On 27th September, at a zero hour to be notified later, a preliminary operation will be carried out by the left (27th American) division with the object of gaining the Infantry Forming Up Line for the main operation, as laid down in F. O. # 16, 24 Sept., 18, par. 3(a)

(2) The 30th American Division on the right will co-operate with the object of gaining such portions of the Infantry Forming Up line on their front as they do not yet occupy.

(b) *Boundaries and Objectives.*

Attached map* shows the Corps and Inter-Divisional boundaries, Infantry and Artillery Start Lines and the objectives for the advance

3. DETAILED PLANS.

(a) (1) The attack will be carried out by the brigade now holding the line of the 27th American Division, assisted by tanks, and under creeping barrage which will fall on the artillery start line as shown on attached map, at Zero.

(2) The infantry will form up on a taped line (shown as the Infantry Forming Up line on attached map) prior to Zero.

(3) The barrage will lift at zero plus 3 minutes and thereafter at a uniform rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes until the final protective barrage line is reached. Barrage maps showing the successive "lifts" of the barrage and lift timings will be issued later.

(b) ARTILLERY

9 Brigades of artillery will be available for the operation.

(c) TANKS.

G. O. C., 4th Tank Brigade, will detail one company (12 tanks) to assist the infantry in the operation. Details will be arranged direct between the Tank Battalion Commander detailed and the 27th American Division.

* Editor's Note.—Map in pocket of back cover.

(d) *ACTION OF FLANK CORPS.*

The III Corps will co-operate in the advance by forming a defensive flank to the 27th American Division, approximately as shown on the attached map.

(e) *ACTION OF 30TH DIVISION.*

(a) The 30th American Division will advance their line simultaneously with the 27th American Division attack, in order to gain such portion of the Infantry Forming Up Line for the main operation as they do not now occupy.

(b) Artillery action will be arranged by G. O. C., R. A., in consultation with the G. O. C., 30th American Division.

4. *LIAISON*

(i) A contact aeroplane will fly over the objective line at zero plus 90 minutes.

The position of the most advanced infantry will be indicated by the following means:-

(a) RED ground flares;

(b) Bright tin discs;

(c) Groups of 3 or 4 rifles laid parallel across the trench and about a foot apart.

(ii) Divisions will arrange for dropping stations to be manned in the vicinity of their Divisional Headquarters.

Locations of dropping stations will be notified to Corps Headquarters by 26th September.

5. *SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.*

Watches will be synchronised through the Signal Service at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. on the 26th September.

Watches will not be synchronised by telephone in advance of Brigade Headquarters.

6. *ACKNOWLEDGE.*

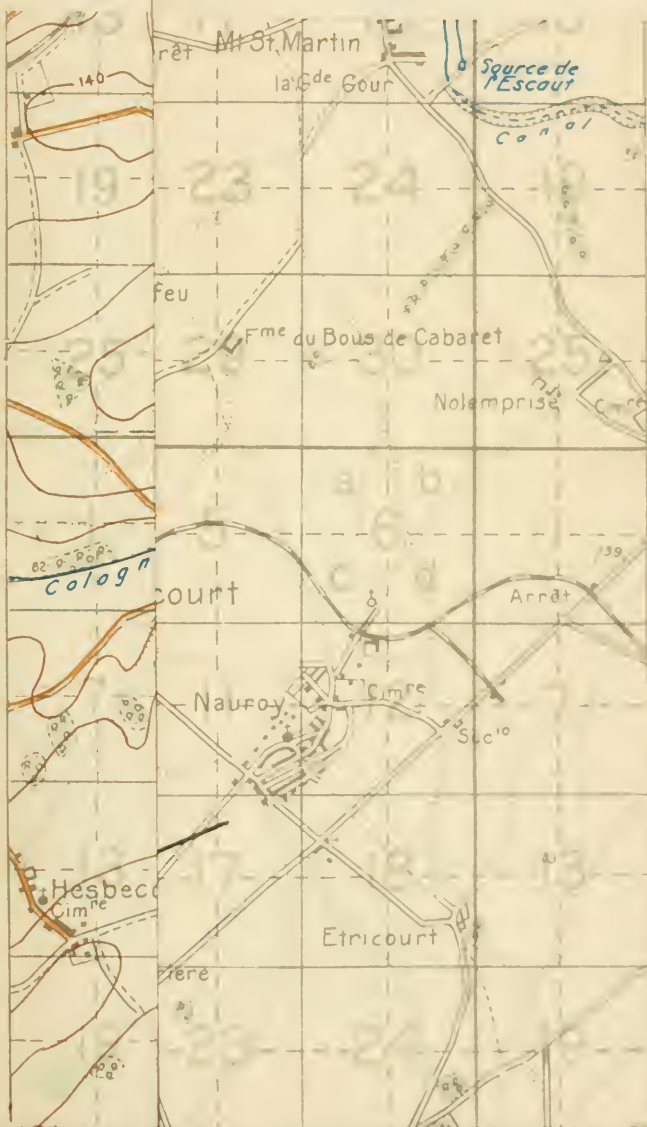
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Field Orders:
No. 18.2nd American Corps
FRANCE, 1 Oct., '18.

MAPS: 1:40,000 62B and 62C

1. The 27th American Division and 30th American Division (less 118th Infantry) will be withdrawn from the forward areas.

The 118th Infantry of the 30th American Division will not be withdrawn until further orders. It will remain in reserve in rear of the 5th Australian Division.

2. Detailed arrangements for the withdrawal will be made between the Division Commanders of the 3rd Australian and the 27th American Divisions and between the 5th Australian and the 30th American Divisions.

3. The PERONNE area is allotted to the 27th American Division, with staging area as follows: HAUT ALLAINES area west of line LERAMONT—AZECOURT—TEMPIEUX—all exclusive.

The MESNIL area is allotted to the 30th American Division with staging area as follows: TENCOURT area west and south of the line TEMPIEUX-le-FOSSE—TENCOURT—BOUCLEY—HAMEL—all exclusive.

2nd Australian Division will remain in occupation of all quarters as at present.

4. The above withdrawal is to be proceeded with at once and progress reported frequently to these Headquarters.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Field Orders:

2nd American Corps,
FRANCE, 1 Oct., '18.

No. 18. AMENDMENT NO. 1.

MAPS: 1:40,000 62B and 62C.

1. So much of Field Order No. 18, para. 1, as refers to the 118th Infantry being held in reserve in rear of the 5th Australian Division

is revoked. This regiment is placed at the disposal of the C. C., 30th American Division and will be withdrawn to the MESNIL area.

By command of Major General Read:

GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Colonel, G. S.
Chief of Staff.

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FIELD ORDERS:

2nd American Corps.
FRANCE, 2 Oct., 18

No. 18 AMENDMENT No. 2.

1. In continuance of Field Orders No. 18, these headquarters, 1 Oct., 18, 27th American Division will move from PERONNE area to SUZANNE area on 4 Oct., 18, via CLERY clear—PERONNE area by 1100 o'clock 4 Oct., 18.

2. Headquarters 27th American Division will clear present quarters at J. 11. c. 4. 9. by 1200 o'clock 4 Oct., and will move to SUZANNE CHATEAU direct and not to DOINGT.

GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Colonel, G. S.,
Chief of Staff.

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2nd American Corps.
FRANCE, 4 Oct. 18.*2ND AMERICAN CORPS, OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS,
SERIES "A," NO. 2.*Field Orders:
No. 19.

MAPS: 1:40,000 62B and 62C.

1. The 2nd American Corps will relieve the Australian Corps commencing 5 Oct., 18.

2. The 30th American Division will relieve the 2nd Australian Division; beginning 5 Oct., 18. Details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Generals of the Divisions concerned; the command passing to the C. G., 30th American Division 6 Oct., 18.

3. Moves as over leaf.

4. The command of the 105th Engineers will revert to the C. G., 30th Division on completion of their work today, 4 Oct.

5. Detailed instructions relative to railhead, supply and evacuation will be issued later.

6. Corps Headquarters will move to BUIRE WOOD—6 * Oct., 18.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GEO. S. SIMONDS
C of Sfor READ
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MOVE TABLE, F. O. NO. 19.

N.O.	Date & Hour	UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	4 Oct.	Transport of 59th Bde.	HERBECOURT Area.	TINCOURT Area.	No restrictions.	No restrictions as to time.
2	5 Oct. 09.30	118th Infy., 114th M. G. BN.	HERBECOURT Area.	Forward Area.	As ordered by Fourth Army	By bus. Embussing point 0.12.c.5.O. Column facing north ON DOINGT—PRUSLE Road. Debussing point F.21.c.4.8.
3	12.00	117th Infy.	Ditto	Reserve Area	Ditto	By bus. Embussing point H.3.a.4.8. Column facing east on MARICOURT—CLERY ROAD. Debussing point F.21.c.4.8.
4	Night 5/6 Oct.	118th Infy.	Forward Area.	Front Line	As indicated by 2nd Aust. Div.	Relieving 2nd Australian Division.
5	Night 5/6 Oct.	Same as Serial No. 3.	Reserve Area	Support Line	Ditto	DITTO
6	5 Oct.	30th Div. Less Bde. Its transport and 105 Engineers	HERBECOURT Area	TINCOURT Area	See column of Remarks.	By road. March. Northern group via BIACHES—FGB. de PARIS. FRC. de BRETAGNE thence road thru J.20. central to TINCOURT AREA. Southern group via BARLEUX—BLANCHES—FGB de PARIS FGB. de BRETAGNE, thence road thru J.20. central to TINCOURT AREA. Rear of both columns to clear FGB de BRETAGNE by 1400 hours.
7	6 Oct.	Same as Serial No. 6.	TINCOURT AREA	Support Area.	By arrangements with 2nd Aust. Div.	

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FRANCE, 5 Oct. 18.*II AMERICAN CORPS OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS,
SERIES "A," NO. 5.*

Field Orders:

No. 20.

MAPS: 1:20,000 : 57B SE & SW; 62B NE & NW.

1. *GENERAL PLAN.*

(a) The II American Corps will attack the enemy on a date which has been communicated verbally to those concerned and at an hour to be notified later.

(b) This Corps will attack with the 30th Division in the first line and the 27th Division in Reserve.

(c) The IX British Corps will attack on our right and the XIII British Corps on our left.

(d) Corps boundaries are shown on map issued with II American Corps, Operations Instructions, Series "A" No. 4.

2. *TACTICAL DISPOSITIONS.*

(a) The 30th American Division will attack with one Brigade in the first line and one Brigade in reserve.

(b) The approximate starting line of the 30th American Division is shown in brown; the area to be attacked is bounded by the red line and the area to be exploited is bounded by the green line on the map issued with Operation Instructions, Series "A" No. 4.

(c) Artillery: The 18 pounder Barrage will come down at zero 200 yards in front of the Infantry starting line.

The 4.5" barrage will come down 200 yards beyond the 18 pounder barrage.

Lifts will be 100 yards.

The first lift will be at 0+3.

Up to the twelfth lift inclusive, lifts will be at 3 minutes interval; after that, until the Red line is reached at 4 minutes interval.

There will be a protective barrage in front of the objective shown by the red line for 30 minutes, after which the barrage will cease and the further advance of the Infantry and tanks will be covered by specially detailed brigades of mobile Field Artillery.

Further detailed instructions for artillery will be issued separately.

(d) 1. Tanks are allotted as follows from 4th Tank Brigade:

2 Companies 6th Tank Bn. (16 whippets) To 30th Division

301st American Tank Bn. (20 Heavy Tanks)—(for dealing with BRANCOURT)

4th Tank Bn. (8 Heavy Tanks)—To II American Corps, Reserve for emergencies.

The number of tanks are approximate.

2. Tank Unit Commanders will get in touch with Formations as follows:—

O. C. 301st American Tank Bn. { With 30th American
O. C. Detachment, 6th Tank Bn. { Division.
O. C. 4th Tank Bn.) With II American Corps.

3. Whippets will follow up the barrage with or close behind the Infantry and as soon as the protective barrage in front of the Red Line ceases they will push on at once independently and exploit to the Green Line beyond which general line they should not go. They will assist the Infantry and Cavalry Corps to reach, and the Cavalry Corps to pass, the Green Line.

4. Further instructions will be issued by the R. A. F., relative to the covering of the Tanks to their starting line.

(d) Engineers: The following allotment of Engineer Troops is made by the II American Corps:

1 Officer and 20 O. R., 1st Australian Tunnelling Co., R. E., will report to 30th Division, C. E., for duty searching for and removing mines.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Instructions relative to communications, supply and evacuation will be issued in later orders.

4. LIAISON.

(a) The C. G., 30th American Division will arrange with C. G., 25th Division, XIII British Corps for close co-operation during these operations between the left Platoon of the left American Battalion and the right Platoon of the right British Battalion on our left.

(b) *Contact Patrols.*

1. A contact aeroplane will fly over the objective Red line as soon as the protective barrage in front of the Objective shown by the Red Line ceases.

The position of the most advanced Infantry will be indicated by the following means:

(a) Red ground flares.

(b) Showing and waving white patches sewn on the inside of the flaps of the box respirators.

2. Divisions will arrange for dropping stations properly manned in the vicinity of their Division.

Locations of dropping stations will be notified to Corps Headquarters by 1800, 7 Oct.

(c) *Liaison Personnel.*

The following-named officers will be responsible for liaison between the Headquarters of the organizations mentioned below:

Name.

Col. Cunningham	II American Corps	IX British Corps
Col. Moore	II American Corps	XIII British Corps
Maj. L. E. Hibbs	II American Corps	30th American Div.
Capt. Hall	30th American Div.	6th Div. IX Brit. Corps
Capt. Murray	30th American Div.	25th Div. XIII B. Corps

The above officers will report at the Headquarters of the organization in the last column opposite their names before 1800 "Y" day.

5. *SYNCHRONIZATION.*

Synchronization will be carried out as follows:

(1) The 30th Division will through their Signal Office synchronize watches with Signal Office II American Corps at 1230 and 1830 on "Y" day.

(2) Signal Office II American Corps will synchronize watches with IV Army Signals at 1200 and 1800 "Y" Day.

6. *HEADQUARTERS.*

Headquarters II American Corps:
J.16.b. central (62C.N.W.)

Headquarters 30th American
Division F.27.c.9.4.

Headquarters 27th American Division
J.11.c.4.9.

7. *ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.*

GEO. S. SIMONDS

Chief of Staff

for GEO. W. READ,

Major General, Commanding
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NO. 21

Maps: 1 : 40,000 57B and 62B.

2nd American Corps.

France, 8 Oct. '18.

II AMERICAN CORPS OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS SERIES

"A," No. 9.

1. *GENERAL PLAN.*

The Fourth Army will continue the advance tomorrow 9 Oct. at 0520. The IX Corps will attack on the right, the II American Corps in the center and the XIII Corps on the left.

2. CORPS PLAN.

(a) The II American Corps will attack in the general direction of AT. SOUPLLET with the 30th American Division in the front line and the 27th American Division in reserve.

(b) The Corps Boundaries are:

Northern Boundary: U 28 b 8.8—U 23 central U 24 a 0.9—U 18 b 5.0—V 7 d 0 0—V 8 central—V 9 b 0.8—V 4 b 5.0—V 5 a 5.5. The II American Corps will connect with the XIII Corps at U 28 b 8.8.

Southern Boundary: Farm on railway in C 24 a (exclusive) along railway to farm C 18 d 9.0 (exclusive) TILLEUL D'ARCHIES (exclusive) D 10 c 8.8—kink in road—D 11 a 28—W 25 central.

3. TACTICAL DISPOSITIONS.

(a) The 30th American Division will attack with one Brigade in the front line and one in reserve. The boundaries of the Divisional Sector will be the same as those of the Corps.

(b) The starting line of the 30th American Division will be the line of exploitation (green line) of Operations of 8 Oct.

The first objective is the line: V 8.b.2.7—V 15 central—V 22 a.0.0—South along road to D 9 central D 9 c).).

The line of exploitation V 5 a 5.5—V 5 d 0.0—V 17 d 9.0—V 23 d 4.0—V 29 central—D 5 c 3 0.

(c) *ARTILLERY.*

Artillery instructions will be issued later.

(d) *TANKS.*

The 4th Tank Battalion (approximately 8 Heavy Tanks) are allotted to the 30th Division. The C. O. 4th Tank Battalion will get in touch with 30th Division for instructions in connection with these operations.

The C. O., 3rd Aero Squadron, will make arrangements for low-flying aeroplanes to cover with their noise the approach of the tanks. The tanks will be 4,000 yards behind the start line at Zero minus 4 hours. The plans are to work from that vicinity gradually forward and the tanks will reach the starting line at zero hour.

All Infantry will be warned of the use of these planes for this purpose in order that they may not be mistaken for enemy planes.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Administrative orders will be issued later.

5. LIAISON.

(a) *Contact Patrols.*

Contact aeroplanes will be used as in the operations of 8th Oct., and the most advanced infantry will indicate its positions by the means employed in operations of 8th Oct.

Dropping stations will also be arranged for.

(b) *Liaison Personnel.*

No change.

6. *SYNCHRONIZATION.*

Watches will be synchronized with II American Corps Signal Office.

7. HEADQUARTERS: No change.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS.

1. The Infantry will attack under an 18 pdr. barrage which will move at a rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes throughout. There will however be a pause of 30 minutes in front of the first objective

4.5" Hows. will engage selected points, lifting in conformity with the 18 pdr. barrage, and 200 yds. East of it.

Heavy artillery will engage selected points, lifting in conformity with 18 pdr. barrage and at no time less than 600 yds. East of the Infantry.

By command of Major General Read:

GEO. S. SIMONDS
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II AMERICAN CORPS OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS
SERIES "A" NO. 10.

FIELD ORDERS:

No. 22.

MAPS: 1:40,000 57B.

1. *INFORMATION:*

(a) Little opposition is being met with and the Fourth Army will continue the advance with the object of reaching the line LE CATEAU—ST. SOUPLET—ANDIGNY and seizing the crossings over the LA SELLE RIVER.

(b) The IX Corps will advance on the right, the II American Corps in the center and the XIII Corps on the left.

(c) Objectives of neighboring units will be as follows:

XIII CORPS LE CATEAU

IX CORPS High Ground north and south of ANDIGNY
LES FERMES.

Cavalry Corps will push forward as rapidly as possible on LE CATEAU and after reaching that place on special mission already allotted.

2. *THE GENERAL PLAN.*

(a) The II American Corps will continue the advance in the general direction of LE SOUPLET.

(b) Tactical boundaries between Corps will be the same as administrative boundaries laid down in map Fourth Army 20/37 G dated 8/10/18.

(c) The objective will be the line of LA SELLE RIVER—ST. BENIN—ST. SOUPLET—MOLAIN (all inclusive) and the crossings over LA SELLE RIVER.

(d) The 30th Division will be in front and the 27th Division in reserve.

3. *DISPOSITIONS.*

The 27th American Division will move to and remain in reserve in the BRANCOURT—BELLICOURT area and no elements of the Division will advance east of BRANCOURT except on orders from Headquarters II American Corps

4. Headquarters no change.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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FIELD ORDER

H. Q., II AMERICAN CORPS

NO. 19.

FRANCE, 16 Nov. 18.

MAPS: 1:250,000 N. W. EUROPE.

SHEETS: Nos. 14 and 15.

1. The II American Corps is transferred from the Third British Army to the American E. F.

2. Movement by strategical train to the LE MANS (Department of the SARTHE) area will begin on the 19 Nov. '18, in order as follows:-

First, 30th Division, entraining at CORBIE and HEILLY:

Second, 27th Division, entraining at CORBIE and VILLERS BRETTONNEUX:

Third, Corps Troops and Corps H. Q., entraining at LONGEAU.

Motorized elements capable of proceeding under own transportation will be sent overland.

3. Advance parties to arrange for the reception of troops will proceed to LE MANS by rail on the 17 Nov. '18, reporting upon arrival to the Chief of Staff, II American Corps at the office of the Asst. Prov. Marshal LE MANS.

Each Divisional Party will consist of one officer and 2 N. C. O.'s from each Regiment and equivalent organizations, the whole to be in charge of a Divisional Staff Officer.

4. Divisional Commander upon arrival in new area will report by wire direct to G-3, G. H. Q., American E. F.

5. Administrative details will be issued later.

6. 27th and 30th Divisions will acknowledge.

By command of Major General Read:

GEO. S. SIMONDS,

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H. Q. II AMERICAN CORPS
FRANCE, 16 Nov. '18.

AMENDMENT TO FIELD ORDER NO. 19.

1. Par. 2., Field Order No. 19, these Headquarters, is amended as follows:—

"Entraining station is CORBIE in every case."

By command of Major General Read:

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2nd AMERICAN CORPS
FRANCE, 18 Nov. 18.

MEMORANDUM:

Field Order No. 19, these Headquarters, dated 16 Nov. '18, will hereafter be known as Field Order No. 23.

By command of Major General Read:

F. E. BUCHAN,
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FIELD ORDERS:)
No. 24.)

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II Army Corps, A. E. F.,
France, 3 Feb. 19.

MAPS: None.

1. Headquarters, II Army Corps, Headquarters Detachment and Headquarters Troop will move by rail 7 Feb. to LE HARVE for embarkation on the S. S. LA TOURAINE enroute to the United States.

2. Entrainment will take place at BONNETABLE, 7 Feb. 19.

3. 318th Field Signal Bn., 412th Telegraph Bn., and II A. C., M. P. Co., will remain at their present stations until further orders, coming under the command of the C. G., A. E. C., LE MANS (SARTHE), 7 Feb. 19 at 1000 h.

4. Detailed instructions relative to entrainment, detrainment, rations, turning in property, etc., will be issued later.

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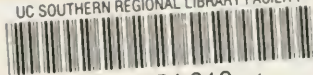
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